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Confession

Forgive me father
for I have sinned
Kneeling here with darkness in my heart
So tough skinned
Not even I can break through to my soul.
So how could anyone ever?

Forgive me mother
For the path I chose
Avoiding your efforts to lead me to paradise
Where the golden river flows
You, mother, you were so wise
And I, foolish, foolish child, was young and naive.
So, if you couldn't tame me, restrain me
How could anyone ever?

Forgive me sister
For my senseless acts
Tearing you down with me into the abyss of rage
More and more until we collapse
Still locked up in our cage
Forever and ever.
So how could anyone ever find me?

Forgive me friend
For not fighting your demons with you
For leaving way to soon
For not seeing your point of view
For disappearing sometimes just like the moon.
Farther and farther until you're left in complete darkness
Craving for my light.
So how could anyone survive in my presence?

Forgive me love
You, strongest of emotions,
For not giving you the place you deserve in my life
Tearing you out of my heart
Disgusted from your way of showing
You, love, I couldn't understand
You, who I never really felt.
And I wonder, how could anyone ever feel you?

Forgive me, darling
For I have destroyed our future
Before we could even begin, I ended us
I sent you through torture
Left you in the dust
And I justified it with saying it's what I had to do.

No, it's not.
Not a single thing I did, I had to.

Even though I didn't know it would be the same,
It was still my choice, I had the options
I am responsible for my own actions
I threw the dice, instead of leaving the game.
Even though I didn't know the cost
I could've tried harder at least
To not be a cold-hearted monster.
That risked it all and lost.

But my biggest sin, darling, is I would do it again.
All of it, I really would.
And I think I'd be smiling upon.
So here I am, kneeling,
Carrying all these sins on my back.
Forgive me, world, please, that's the only thing I ask.